

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

INMATES OF THE PENNSYLVANIA : CIVIL ACTION
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, :

Plaintiffs :

v. :

THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT
OF CORRECTIONS, et al., :

Defendants : No. 02-2687

ORDER

AND NOW, this day of , 2005, upon consideration of the Parole Board defendants' motion for protective order and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that said motion is GRANTED. Plaintiffs' notices for the depositions of Parole Board defendants are hereby QUASHED.

BY THE COURT:

EDUARDO C. ROBRENO, J.

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PAROLE BOARD DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, defendants Castor, Descher, Green, Imboden, Lucht, Martinez, Muller, Ryan, Ward, Webster, and White (collectively, "Parole Board defendants") respectfully move the Court to enter a protective order and quash plaintiff Jessica Elaine Wolfe's notices of deposition to the Parole Board defendants, for the following reasons:

1. In his second amended complaint, Wolfe asserts, among other things, that Parole Board defendants violated his rights under the Ex Post Facto Clause and denied him parole in retaliation for his refusal to participate in a sex offender treatment program. He seeks damages only. Wolfe v. Pennsylvania Dep't of Corrections, 334 F.Supp.2d 762, 776 n.10 (E.D.Pa.2004) ("the two remaining counts seek only damages").

2. On or about March 3, 2005, Wolfe served the undersigned counsel with thirteen notices of deposition, including a notice of deposition for each Parole Board defendant. True and correct copies of the notices of deposition are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

3. In this Circuit it is well-established that the decision to deny parole is an adjudicatory or quasi-judicial duty entitling parole board members to absolute quasi-judicial immunity from damages.

4. Because Parole Board defendants are entitled to absolute immunity from damage claims based on their decision to deny parole, Wolfe's damage claim and related discovery requests are frivolous, violate Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and seek only to oppress, burden and vex the Parole Board defendants.

5. In addition, as high-ranking government officials, Parole Board defendants should not be subjected to deposition absent a showing by Wolfe that their testimony is likely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, is essential to Wolfe's case and that this evidence is not available through any alternative source or less burdensome means.

6. In light of Parole defendants' absolute quasi-judicial immunity, and because Wolfe has not shown that Parole Board defendants' deposition testimony is likely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, is essential to his case, and is not available through any alternative source or less burdensome means, the Court should enter a protective order that the discovery is not to be had and quash the notices of deposition directed to the Parole Board defendants.

WHEREFORE, the Parole Board defendants respectfully request the Court to enter an order substantially in the form attached hereto, granting this motion for protective order,

quashing Wolfe's notices of deposition and granting any such further relief as is proper and just.

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**MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF PAROLE BOARD
DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER**

INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff Jessica Elaine Wolfe, a prisoner in the custody of the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, pled guilty to and was convicted of rape and is presently serving a state sentence for that crime. In his second amended complaint, Wolfe sued, among others, former and current members of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole ("Parole Board"), claiming that they violated his rights under the Ex Post Facto Clause and retaliated against him by denying him parole because of his refusal to participate in a sex offender treatment program. He seeks damages only. Wolfe v. Pennsylvania Dep't of Corrections, 334 F.Supp.2d 762, 776 n.10 (E.D.Pa. 2004)("the two remaining counts seek only damages").

Wolfe has now noticed the deposition of each of the eleven Parole Board defendants (Castor, Descher, Green, Imboden, Lucht, Martinez, Muller, Ryan, Ward, Webster, and White). (True and correct copies of the notices of deposition are attached hereto as Exhibit A). For the reasons set forth below, the Parole Board defendants request the Court to enter a protective order and quash Wolfe's notices of deposition.

APPLICABLE STANDARD UNDER FED.R.CIV.P. 26(c)

Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides: "Upon motion by a party ... and for good cause shown, the court ... may make any order which justice requires to protect a party or person from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden or expense...." Good cause is shown "by demonstrating a particular need for protection." Cipollone v. Liggett Group, Inc., 785 F.2d 1108, 1121 (3d Cir.1986). The district court has the discretion to issue a protective order that imposes restrictions on the extent and manner of discovery where necessary to protect a party. Rule 26(c) further provides that such orders may be crafted to create any of a broad range of requirements, including (1) that the disclosure or discovery not be had; (2) that the disclosure or discovery may be had only on specified terms and conditions, including a designation of time or place; (3) that the discovery may be had only by a method of discovery other than that selected by the party seeking discovery; (4) that certain matters not be inquired into, or that the scope of the disclosure or discovery be limited to certain matters; [and] (5) that discovery be conducted with no one present except persons designated by the court. Thus, Rule 26(c) provides district courts with the power to formulate a detailed solution that reflects the concerns of particular individual disputes. Pearson v. Miller, 211 F.3d 57, 72-73 (3d Cir. 2000).

Because Parole Board Members Are Entitled to Absolute Immunity From Wolfe's Damage Claims, Their Deposition Testimony Has No Relevance to this Case

In its August 26, 2004 Memorandum and Order, the Court declined to address the issue of absolute immunity given that the matter had not been briefed as well as the "fact-intensive nature of the inquiry." Wolfe, supra, at n.12. In so ruling, the Court relied on Desi's Pizza, Inc. v. City of Wilkes-Barre, 321 F.3d 411, 428 (3d Cir.2003). Desi's Pizza, however, involved absolute *prosecutorial* immunity, a more factually complex issue than the inquiry involved here,

where the Parole defendants have asserted absolute *judicial* or *quasi-judicial* immunity (both at oral argument and as an affirmative defense set forth in their answer to the second amended complaint). The court should examine the allegations of the plaintiff's complaint, see Wilson v. Rackmill, 878 F.2d 772, 775-76 (3d Cir.1989), and, in particular, the nature and function of the parole defendants' alleged actions. Nellom v. Lubner, 2004 WL 816922, *6 (E.D.Pa. 2004)(citing Kulwicki v. Dawson, 969 F.2d 1454, 1465 (3d Cir.1992)).

In this case, Wolfe's allegations point to the absolute immunity of the Parole Board defendants. Wolfe alleges that the Parole Board defendants "continuously, systematically and deliberately denied parole to, and retaliated against, Plaintiff...based on [his] refusal to participate in voluntary sex offender programs that require participants to disclose past sexual conduct." Second amended complaint, ¶ 2. Wolfe further alleges that Parole Board defendants "through their retaliation against Plaintiff and their imposition of parole requirements and standards not applicable to [him], violated the Ex Post Facto Clause[.]" *Id.*, ¶ 3. Plainly, Wolfe is seeking damages for the denial of parole on the theory that the Parole Board defendants unlawfully considered improper factors, including his refusal to participate in sex offender treatment, when making their decision to deny him parole. As a matter of law, Wolfe cannot recover such damages.

Since 1977, the Third Circuit has held that parole board officials are entitled to absolute immunity from damage claims arising out of their performance of adjudicatory duties. Wilson v. Rackmill, 878 F.2d 772, 775 (3d Cir.1989); Harper v. Jeffries, 808 F.2d 281, 284 (3d Cir.1986); Thompson v. Burke, 556 F.2d 231, 238 n.13 (3d Cir.1977)(parole board members' adjudicatory functions include their ability to affect the length or terms of imprisonment, as well as the times when convicts may be paroled or discharged). The courts of the Eastern District have

consistently followed these decisions. See, e.g., Nellom v. Luber, 2004 WL 816922, *6 (E.D.Pa. 2004) (to the extent plaintiff's claims attack the Parole Board's decisions, the Parole Board defendants are entitled to absolute immunity); Hayes v. Muller, 1996 WL 583180, *4 (E.D.Pa.1996)(dismissing claims asserted against Parole Board Chairman as barred by doctrine of absolute immunity); Munyan v. Traister, 1990 WL 135695, *1 (E.D.Pa.1990)(because decision to revoke parole is adjudicatory in nature, parole officials are entitled to absolute immunity from § 1983 suits for damages).

"Our quasi-judicial immunity cases demonstrate that the primary function to be protected is judicial or quasi-judicial decision making. This is true of cases challenging discretionary conduct by a quasi-judicial body like a parole board[.]" Richman v. Sheahan, 270 F.3d 430, 436 (7th Cir. 2001), cert. denied, 535 U.S. 971 (2002). Adjudicatory acts that entitle a parole official to absolute immunity include hearing evidence, making recommendations as to whether to parole a prisoner, and making decisions as to whether to grant, revoke, or deny parole.¹ Breslin v. Brainard, No. 01-7269, 2002 WL 31513425, at *7 n.10 (E.D.Pa. Nov.1, 2002)(citing Wilson, 878 F.2d at 776).

In this case, Wolfe alleges that the Parole Board defendants denied him parole "based solely on his refusal to participate in the Sex Offender Program." Second amended complaint, ¶¶ 89, 91. As shown above, it is well-settled in this Circuit, as well as every other Circuit, that

¹Parole board officials, like judges, are entitled to absolute immunity from suit for damages when they serve a quasi-adjudicative function in deciding whether to grant, deny or revoke parole. In contrast, a parole officer is not entitled to absolute immunity for his executive or administrative acts, such as investigations, searches and seizures, preparation of warrants and presentencing reports, or giving information to a parole board. See Breslin v. Brainard, No. 01-7269, 2002 WL 31513425, at *7 n.10 (E.D.Pa. Nov.1, 2002). In this case, it is clear that Wolfe is challenging the denial of his parole, which he asserts was illegal, and the factors the Parole Board defendants considered in making that decision. See second amended complaint, ¶¶ 2, 3, 89, 91. All of this conduct falls within Parole Board defendants' adjudicatory function, and thereby entitles them to absolute immunity from Wolfe's damage claims.

denial of parole is an adjudicatory or quasi-judicial act entitled to absolute immunity.² Wolfe cannot possibly recover damages from any Parole Board member, regardless of the content of that defendant's deposition testimony. The depositions will not provide Wolfe with any relevant evidence or even information that is reasonably likely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. While Wolfe, who is unlettered in the law, may be forgiven for asserting a patently frivolous claim while he was *pro se*, his attorneys must comply with Rule 11 and should not be permitted to pursue frivolous claims or take vexatious depositions. See Munyan v. Traister, 1990 WL 135695, *1-2 (E.D.Pa.1990)(dismissing as frivolous plaintiff's § 1983 damage claims against parole officials). Clearly, the only conceivable purpose of the depositions is to oppress, harass and vex the Parole Board defendants.

For these reasons, the Court should enter a protective order quashing the notices of deposition directed to the Parole Board members.

Parole Board Defendants Are High Ranking Officials Who Should Not Be Subjected to Deposition

As the Court is aware, each of the Parole Board defendants is a former or present Chairman or member of the Parole Board. As high ranking government officials, they should not be subjected to deposition, particularly where, as demonstrated above, such depositions have

² See Johnson v. Rhode Island Parole Bd. Members, 815 F.2d 5, 8 (1st Cir.1987); Montero v. Travis, 171 F.3d 757, 761-62 (2d Cir.1999); Franklin v. Shields, 569 F.2d 784, 798 (4th Cir. 1977), cert.denied, 435 U.S. 1003 (1978); Littles v. Board of Pardons & Paroles Div., 68 F.3d 122, 123 (5th Cir.1995)(per curiam); Tillman v. Price, 113 F.3d 1236, 1997 WL 225993, *1 (6th Cir. 1997); Walrath v. United States, 35 F.3d 277, 281-82 (7th Cir.1994); Anton v. Getty, 78 F.3d 393, 396 (8th Cir.1996); Anderson v. Boyd, 714 F.2d 906, 908-10 (9th Cir.1983); Russ v. Uppah, 972 F.2d 300, 303 (10th Cir.1992); Fuller v. Georgia State Bd. of Pardons & Paroles, 851 F.2d 1307, 1310 (11th Cir.1988).

no conceivable value given the defendants' entitlement to absolute quasi-judicial immunity and the need to protect the deliberative process of Parole Board decisionmaking, absent extraordinary circumstances.

High-ranking government officials are "generally entitled to limited immunity from being deposed." Hankins v. City of Philadelphia, 1996 WL 524334, *1 (E.D.Pa.)(suppressing deposition of Mayor of Philadelphia). A request to depose a high-ranking government official is subject to a heightened standard of review. See Jones v. Hirschfield, 219 F.R.D. 71 (S.D.N.Y.2003); Marisol v. Giuliani, 1998 WL 132810, *2 (S.D.N.Y.). This is so even though a protective order is the exception rather than the rule. Marisol, 1998 WL 132810, at *2. "A party seeking the deposition of a high ranking government official must demonstrate that his testimony is likely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, is essential to that party's case and that this evidence is not available through any alternative source or less burdensome means." Hankins v. City of Philadelphia, 1996 WL 524334, *1 (E.D.Pa.1996). The last part of this test is strictly imposed: the court should allow the deposition only if the high ranking government official has unique, personal knowledge that cannot be obtained elsewhere. Marisol, 1998 WL 132810, *2. This limited immunity ensures that high-ranking government officials have the necessary time to dedicate to the performance of their governmental duties and also "protect[s] the mental processes of executive and administrative officers in order [to] promote open channels of communication within government." Id. See also United States v. Morgan, 313 U.S. 409, 422 (1941)(absent extraordinary circumstances, top officials should not be called to testify regarding their reasons for taking official actions); Simplex Time Recorder Co. v. Sec'y of Labor, 766 F.2d 575, 586-87 (D.C.Cir.1985)(same); Ernest and Mary Hayward Weir Found. v.

United States, 508 F.2d 894, 895 (2d Cir.1974)(per curiam)(noting that pure deliberative processes of government officials are protected from discovery).

In this case, the undersigned counsel has provided Wolfe's counsel with copies of Parole Board actions (or "green sheets") which set forth, in each instance, the Parole Board's reasons for denying Wolfe parole. Wolfe has not shown that obtaining the Parole Board defendants' deposition testimony is essential to his case. He also has not shown that any of the Parole Board defendants has "unique, personal knowledge" that cannot be obtained by any means other than deposition. Indeed, Wolfe testified at his own deposition that some of the Parole Board defendants did not participate in any decision to deny him parole. See Wolfe deposition, at pp. 14-20, attached hereto as Exhibit B (admitting that he has no knowledge that defendants Green, Lucht, Muller, Ryan, Ward, and Webster were personally involved in any decision to deny him parole). Further, while a disruption of the duties of even the President of the United States may be necessary under some circumstances, United States v. Nixon, 418 U.S. 683, 707 (1974), no such circumstances exist here, given the Parole Board defendants' unquestionable entitlement to absolute immunity from Wolfe's damage claims. Finally, Wolfe has not shown the existence of "extraordinary circumstances" which would allow him to question Parole Board defendants' about their deliberative processes concerning the decision to grant or deny parole. Accordingly, the Parole Board defendants request the Court to enter a protective order quashing Wolfe's notices of deposition to the Parole Board defendants.

CONCLUSION

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Parole Board defendants request the Court to enter a protective order quashing Wolfe's notices of deposition.

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CERTIFICATION OF COUNSEL

I, Beth Anne Smith, Senior Deputy Attorney General, hereby certify that the parties, after reasonable effort, have been unable to resolve the discovery dispute that is the subject of this motion for protective order.

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Beth Anne Smith
Senior Deputy Attorney General

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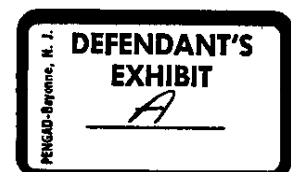
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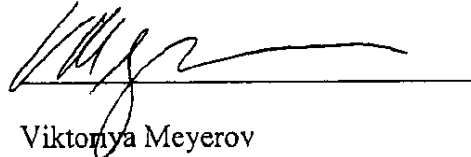
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that counsel for Plaintiff Jessica Elaine Wolfe©, *et al.* will take the deposition of Defendant Michael M. Webster, upon oral examination, on Monday, **March 14, 2005, at 2:00 p.m.**, at the offices of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, One Logan Square, 18th and Cherry Streets, 23rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103, before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths. The deposition will continue from day to day thereafter until completed.



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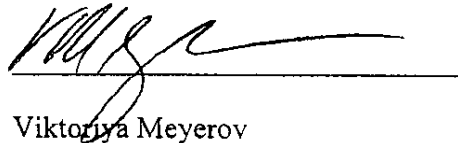
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that counsel for Plaintiff Jessica Elaine Wolfe©, *et al.* will take the deposition of Defendant Sean R. Ryan, upon oral examination, on Monday, **March 14, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the offices of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, One Logan Square, 18th and Cherry Streets, 23rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103, before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths. The deposition will continue from day to day thereafter until completed.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that counsel for Plaintiff Jessica Elaine Wolfe©, *et al.* will take the deposition of Defendant William Ward, upon oral examination, on Monday, **March 28, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the offices of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, One Logan Square, 18th and Cherry Streets, 23rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103, before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths. The deposition will continue from day to day thereafter until completed.

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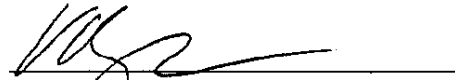
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that counsel for Plaintiff Jessica Elaine Wolfe©, *et al.* will take the deposition of Defendant Lloyd A. White, upon oral examination, on Wednesday, **March 30, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the offices of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, One Logan Square, 18th and Cherry Streets, 23rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103, before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths. The deposition will continue from day to day thereafter until completed.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that counsel for Plaintiff Jessica Elaine Wolfe©, *et al.* will take the deposition of Defendant Gary R. Lucht, upon oral examination, on Friday, **March 25, 2005, at 2:00 p.m.**, at the offices of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, One Logan Square, 18th and Cherry Streets, 23rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103, before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths. The deposition will continue from day to day thereafter until completed.

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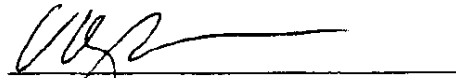
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that counsel for Plaintiff Jessica Elaine Wolfe©, *et al.* will take the deposition of Defendant Jeffrey R. Imboden, upon oral examination, on Friday, **March 25, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the offices of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, One Logan Square, 18th and Cherry Streets, 23rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103, before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths. The deposition will continue from day to day thereafter until completed.

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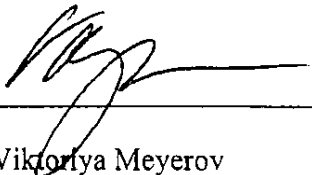
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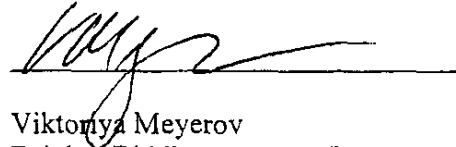
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that counsel for Plaintiff Jessica Elaine Wolfe©, *et al.* will take the deposition of Defendant Michael L. Green, upon oral examination, on Wednesday, **March 23, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the offices of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, One Logan Square, 18th and Cherry Streets, 23rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103, before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths. The deposition will continue from day to day thereafter until completed.

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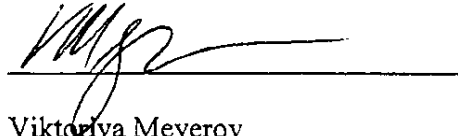
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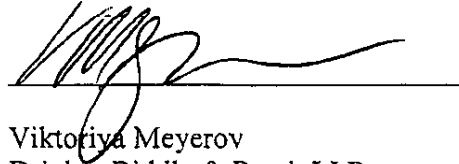
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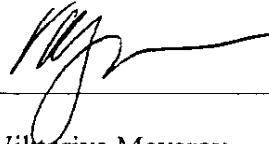
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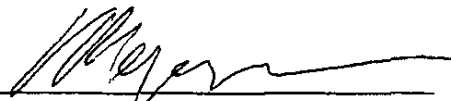
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Viktoriya Meyerov, hereby certify that on this date I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notices of Depositions of Tamara Boris; Brenda Wildenstein; Lloyd A. White; Michael M. Webster; Sean R. Ryan; Gary R. Lucht; Jeffrey R. Imboden; Nicholas Muller; Michael L. Green; Barbara Descher; Allen Castor; Benjamin Martinez and William Ward to be served upon counsel by facsimile and U.S. Mail, first-class, postage prepaid, to the following:

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1 on it.

2 Q. Now, you talked about signatures of
3 Ritko and I believe Mark Yunkerman and Garth
4 Walls or Walls, but you did not mention any
5 of the current defendants in this lawsuit.

6 And my question to you is, do
7 you have any reason to believe that the
8 current parole individuals who are named as
9 defendants in this lawsuit, that they saw
10 that report?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. What is your reason for believing
13 that?

14 A. Well, they're the ones that
15 prepared it to submit to the parole board.

16 Q. The agents that you've mentioned,
17 those three agents?

18 A. Right.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. There's pre-parole people that
21 you see prior to seeing the parole board.

22 Q. Of the individual parole board
23 members that you've named in this case, the
24 defendants, which ones have you actually

1 seen?

2 A. Well, up until the lawsuit was
3 filed, I had never seen -- well, there's a
4 few that I haven't seen, but I've seen
5 Sherry Moore -- well, I really -- do you
6 have a list of -- because they're --

7 Q. I do have a list, actually. I'll
8 just go down the list of last names. Okay?

9 A. All right.

10 Q. Castor?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And when did you see Castor?

13 A. I seen him in 2001 at Mahanoy.

14 Q. And what was the reason for your
15 seeing him at Mahanoy? Was that some sort
16 of parole hearing?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Have you seen Castor on any other
19 occasions?

20 A. No.

21 Q. What about Descher?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. When did you see Descher?

24 A. I seen her here for my -- I

1 think it was September of 2002 or -- yeah,
2 2002.

3 Q. That was for a parole hearing?

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. Green?

6 A. I don't remember Green.

7 Q. Imboden?

8 A. I'm not familiar with that
9 individual.

10 Q. Lucht?

11 A. I ain't familiar with that
12 one, either.

13 Q. Martinez?

14 A. That sounds familiar.

15 Q. Do you recall meeting with Martinez?

16 A. There was a guy that I seen
17 just this last -- over the summer. I think
18 that might have been who I seen.

19 Q. Was that in July of 2004?

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. That was for a parole hearing at
22 Graterford?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What about Muller?

1 A. I don't -- it don't sound
2 familiar.

3 Q. Ryan?

4 A. I don't remember that one,
5 neither.

6 Q. Ward?

7 A. Well, that's the commissioner,
8 right, or the chairman?

9 Q. The former chairman. I'm asking you,
10 have you had any dealings with him?

11 MS. MEYEROV: Objection. You
12 may answer.

13 THE WITNESS: Other than
14 filing for relief, no.

15 BY MS. SMITH:

16 Q. Webster?

17 A. No, it don't sound familiar.

18 Q. And White?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. When did you see white?

21 A. He was at Mahanoy with Castor.

22 Q. At the parole hearings, is there
23 usually one or two parole board members
24 present?

1 MS. MEYEROV: Objection.

2 BY MS. SMITH:

3 Q. In your experience.

4 A. Well, it's been different
5 numbers. At Mahanoy I had two, and then the
6 second time I came here, there was three,
7 and then this last time, there was one.

8 Q. Okay. Now, other than the documents
9 that you've indicated, do you have any
10 reason to believe that Castor, Descher,
11 Martinez, and White were aware of your
12 settlement or anything to do, really, with
13 the previous lawsuit?

14 MS. MEYEROV: Objection.

15 BY MS. SMITH:

16 Q. Do you understand the question?

17 A. Yes.

18 MS. MEYEROV: My objection
19 still stands, by the way.

20 MS. SMITH: Sure, I
21 understand.

22 MS. MEYEROV: I want to make
23 sure that she understands.

24 MS. SMITH: Correct.

1 THE WITNESS: Let me -- let me
2 say, whenever I seen Castor and
3 White, okay, when I went into there
4 -- in there to see them, I was only
5 in there for just a couple minutes.
6 Mr. Castor impressed me on how much
7 he knew or -- of me -- my whole
8 life. And he said that he had to
9 deny me -- his opinion at that time,
10 because I had pending criminal
11 matters in the court, and therefore,
12 he couldn't -- he couldn't give me an
13 opinion at that time.

14 BY MS. SMITH:

15 Q. Did he make any mention of your
16 refusal to take sex offender treatment?

17 A. He told me that I should try
18 to comply with the program that the DOC
19 refers to.

20 Q. Now, you mentioned that whenever you
21 saw Castor and White -- was that more than
22 once?

23 A. No, I just seen them once.

24 Q. Okay. What about the other

1 individuals that you mentioned having seen,
2 for example, Descher, do you have any reason
3 to believe, other than the documents that
4 you referred to earlier, that they had any
5 knowledge of your previous lawsuit and the
6 settlement?

7 A. No, but what I do -- when I
8 seen her, she seemed pretty critical of the
9 nature of the alleged offense.

10 Q. And we might as well get that out of
11 the way.

12 What was the alleged offense?

13 A. Well, I'm alleged to have
14 raped my ex's daughter.

15 Q. And are you presently incarcerated
16 for having pled guilty to that offense?

17 A. Yeah.

18 Q. Are there any other counts that
19 you're currently serving time for, in
20 addition to rape?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Not for corruption of minors or
23 assault?

24 A. No.

1 Q. Did Descher indicate to you that she
2 felt you should receive sex offender
3 treatment?

4 A. Yeah.

5 Q. I know you're not sure you saw
6 Martinez, but assuming it was Martinez that
7 you saw back in July of 2004, what reason,
8 other than those documents you mentioned, do
9 you have to believe that he's aware of the
10 previous lawsuit and settlement?

11 MS. MEYEROV: Objection.

12 BY MS. SMITH:

13 Q. You can answer.

14 A. Well, I'm not aware of him
15 knowing. I'm assuming that he -- that he
16 is, because he seemed very thorough, but he
17 wasn't very fair at all. He was actually
18 mean. You know, he said a whole lot of
19 improper -- improper stuff, at least I
20 thought it was improper. I mean, he went
21 into the gender aspect and all different
22 stuff, and there was a whole audience behind
23 me. I don't even know who the whole
24 audience was. And, you know, he was trying

1 to get some chuckles, and he did.

2 Q. Can you identify -- I mean, give me
3 an example of what was a mean thing that he
4 said?

5 A. Well, he said, "Well, why are
6 you in here?" And I explained to him, just
7 like I explained to you, and he said, "Watch
8 it, Mr., I know exactly why you're in here.
9 You don't try to pull nothing over on me. I
10 know. So be careful. Now, let me ask you
11 this." I'm like, man. I didn't -- I didn't
12 expect to be talked to like that.

13 Q. Did he say anything else that you
14 consider mean?

15 A. Well, you know, whenever I
16 tried to explain any of the questions that
17 he asked, he said, "Well, how old was your
18 said victim?" And I said, "Well, I believe
19 that she was around 11." And he said,
20 "Look, I told you I know. She was eight."
21 I was like, wow, was you there or what, you
22 know? It was -- it really was -- it wasn't
23 too nice.

24 Q. Anything else that he said that you

1 consider mean?

2 A. No, that's pretty much, you
3 know -- I can't remember the whole thing,
4 but there was -- that was pretty much what
5 basis I can give you.

6 Q. Did this person that we're assuming
7 right now was Martinez, did he indicate your
8 need for sex offender treatment?

9 A. Yeah.

10 MS. MEYEROV: Let me just
11 clarify, when you say, "sex offender
12 treatment," that you're referring to
13 the sex offender program or some
14 other generalized treatment? What is
15 it that you mean when you say "sex
16 offender treatment"?

17 BY MS. SMITH:

18 Q. Well, I'm assuming that you've been
19 offered sex offender treatment at the
20 various prisons that you've been
21 incarcerated in, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 MS. SMITH: That's the sex
24 offender treatment that I'm referring

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